

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/068,930

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/01/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-9, 14, and 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Applicant's amendment filed December 1, 2005, has been entered and made of record.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 3, 14, and 15 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 4-9 are dependent on claim 3, and therefore, are allowed.

Independent claim 3 recites the limitation of: said consequent dynamic analyzing includes calculating and analyzing auto-correlation (ACF) and cross-correlation (CCF) functions for 2 image profiles with predefined incremental step in said predefined window. The combination of these features as cited in the claim in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record.

The closest reference of US PN 6,333,990 to Yazici et al. discloses a method of removing grid line artifacts with adaptive filtering and including correlation processes in the spatial and frequency domains. However, there is no suggestion in Yazici or the other prior art of record for using both auto-correlation and cross-correlation functions for 2 image profiles.

Independent claim 14 recites the limitations of: using a spike detection algorithm comprising the steps of retaining spike locations and values until convolution is completed, substituting spike values with linear interpolated neighbor values, and optionally replacing the spike values to their origin locations after convolution. The

combination of these features as cited in the claim in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record.

Independent claim 14 recites the limitations of: using an edge effect elimination function including steps of extending said image profile at both the ends to filter operator length by replication first and last values at each end before said convolution, and removing the extended image profile after said convolution. The combination of these features as cited in the claim in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig W. Kronenthal whose telephone number is (571) 272-7422. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 5:00 pm / Mon. - Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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